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SUBJ: NPD AND RADICAL LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRANKFURT

1. A DEMONSTRATION BY THE RIFHT EXTREME NPD AND A LEFT
RADICAL COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION IN FRANKUFRT ON SUNDAY,
AUGUST 13 LED TO A SERIES OF RELATIVELY MINOR
ALTERCATIONS (BY FRANKFURT STANDARDS) BETWEEN THE
DEMONSTRATORS AND THE TEMPORARY DETENTION OF ABOUT 40
PERSONS BY POLICE.

2. THE NPD DEMONSTRATION HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN BANNED BY
FRANKFURTS LORD MAYOR WALLMANN BUT AFTER A SERIES OF
COURT MANEUVERS THE CITY EVENTUALLY WAS FORCED TO
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PERMIT DEMONSTRATIONS BY BOTH THE NPD AND LEFTISH COUNTER-
DEMONSTRATORS WITH THE PROVISIO, HOWEVER, THAT A
DISTANCE OF 1,000 METERS WAS TO BE KEPT BETWEEN THE
RIVAL GROUPS.

3. NEAR NOON ON SUNDAY ABOUT 250 NPD DEMONSTRATORS
ASSEMBLED AT THE DESIGNATED SITE, A NJMBER FAR SHORT

OF THE 2,000 PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED BY THE NPD FOR THIS OCCASION. THE SO-CALLED "ANTI-FASCIST" COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION ASSEMBLED OVER 500 OF ITS SYMPATHIZERS CONSISTING F MEMBERS OF A LARGE VARIETY OF LEFT-WING GROUPS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GERMAN PEACE UNION (DEUTSCHE FRIEDENS UNION). PREVENTIVE MEASURES BY

THE POLICE, WHO TOOK INTO CUSTODY ABOUT 20 LEFTISTS WELL EQUIPPED WITH INSTRUMENTS DESIGNED TO DO BODILY HARM AND BENT ON DISRUPTING THE NPD RALLY, FIRST RESULTED IN BOTH DEMONSTRATIONS TAKING PLACE RELATIVELY PEACEFULLY. (POLICE ALSO FOUND A MOLOTOV COCKTAIL READY FOR USE IN A WOMENS REST ROOM AT THE RISTE OF THE LEFTIST COUNTER-DEMONSTRATION). INCIDENTS OCCURRED AFTER ATTENDANTS AT THE NPD RALLY PROCEEDED IN SMALL GRUPS TO AN INDOOR MEETING IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY TO WHICH THEY WERE FOLLOWED BY THEIR LEFT-WING OPPONENTS. A SERIES OF BRAWLS RESULTED EN ROUTE IN THE COURSE OF WHICH A GERMAN PHOTOGRAPHER FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS (ROLF BOEHM) WAS INJURED BY A FLYING ROCK. RAPID INTERVENTION BY ABOUT 1,000 POLICE, ON DUTY FOR THE OCCASION, PREVENTED THE AFFAIR FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND AS WELL AS FURTHER SERIOUS INFURIES. A TOTAL OF 41 ARRESTS WERE MADE DURING THE DAY AND 5 PERSONS WERE HELD FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION ON SUSPICION OF HAVING CAUSED BODILY HARM OR RESISTING POLICE OFFICERS. LEHMANN
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